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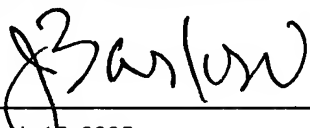
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FEE TRANSMITTAL

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☐ Applicant Claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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1. BASIC FILING, SEARCH, AND EXAMINATION FEES

Application Type	FILING FEES		SEARCH FEES		EXAMINATION FEES		Fees Paid (\$)
	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	\$0
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	160	80	0	0	0	0	

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES

Fee Description	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)
Each claim over 20 or, for Reissues, each claim over 20 and more than in the original patent	18	9
Each independent claim over 3 or, for Reissues, each independent claim more than in the original patent	88	44
Multiple dependent claims	300	150

Total Claims: 20 or HP = 0 Extra Claims: 0 Fee (\$): \$50 Fee Paid (\$): \$0

Multiple Dependent Claims: Fee (\$): Fee Paid (\$):

HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if greater than 20

Indep. Claims: 3 or HP = 0 Extra Claims: 0 Fee (\$): \$200 Fee Paid (\$): \$0

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3. APPLICATION SIZE FEE

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4. OTHER FEE(S)

Non-English Specification, \$130 fee (no small entity discount)

Other: Petition Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(b) Fee

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Applicant(s): TAKIMOTO et al.

Serial No.: 10/775,255

Filed: February 11, 2004

Title: KNEE PROTECTING AIRBAG
DEVICE



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Arlington, VA 22202

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed on February 28, 2005 in connection with the above application, Applicant elects, without traverse, Species 6 of Figs. 38-41 and 45 without traverse. Applicants state that claims 9-12 read on Species 6 of Figs. 38-41 and 45.

Please note that the only the second through eighth inventors, **Toru KOYAMA, Chiharu TOTANI, Hiraku ANDO, Takeshi HOSOKAWA, Hiroyuki TAJIMA, Yoshio MIZUNO and Kazumasa SUZUKI** contributed to the subject matter of the elected Species 6 of Figs. 38-41 and 45. Therefore, applicants request that the first inventor, **Masahiro TAKIMOTO** be deleted as named inventor. A petition to correct inventorship pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.48(b) is being filed concurrently herewith.

Examination of the present application in view of the above election is respectfully requested. Please charge to Deposit Account 50-1147 for any other fee that may be due at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

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